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Invention:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DIAGNOSIS OF OPTICALLY IDENTIFIABLE OPHTHALMIC CONDITIONS

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.324

Dear Sir:

This is a request to correct the inventorship under 37 CFR §1.324. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 256, whenever through error a person is named in an issued patent as the inventor, or through error an inventor is not named in an issued patent and such error arose without any deceptive intention on his part, the Director may, on application of all the parties and assignees, with proof of the facts and such other requirements as may be imposed, issue a certificate correcting such error.

Applicants and the Assignee hereby petition the Commissioner to correct the subject issued patent.

The correct inventive entity is as follows:

Richard W. Newman (existing)

Corinn C. Fahrenkrug (new)

Applicants erroneously omitted the inventor, Corinn C. Fahrenkrug. The error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intent on the part of the omitted (new) inventor or the existing inventor. A request for Certificate of Correction is enclosed with this Petition requesting correction of this error, together with the appropriate fee under 1.20(b).

Applicants and the Assignee hereby petition the Commissioner to correct the subject issued patent by adding the omitted inventor, Corinn C. Fahrenkrug.

In addition to the request to correct the inventorship that sets forth the desired inventorship change, an amendment of the inventorship under 35 CFR §1.324 must satisfy four additional requirements (1) a statement from each person being added as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part; (2) a statement from the current inventors agreeing to the change of inventorship or stating that they have no disagreement in regard to the requested change; (3) a statement from all assignees of the parties submitting a statement agreeing to the change of inventorship in the patent; and (4) the processing fee set forth in §1.20(b).

With respect to the first requirement, a statement from the inventor being omitted, Corinn C. Fahrenkrug, is attached hereto.

With respect to the second requirement, a statement from the current inventor, Richard W. Newman, is attached hereto.

With respect to the third requirement, a statement from the assignee agreeing to the change of inventorship in the patent is attached hereto. Furthermore, we attach a declaration and assignment which properly sets forth the inventorship.

With respect to the fourth requirement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3010 in the amount of \$230.00 and also charge any deficiencies or credit any excess payments in regard to this petition for the following fees:

Processing fee for correcting inventorship in a patent (§ 1.324):	\$130.00
Request for Certificate of Correction (§1.323):	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Charges:	<u>\$230.00</u>

Accordingly, all the requirements under 37 CFR §1.324 to correct the inventorship herein have been satisfied. The applicants respectfully request that the inventorship in the issued patent be changed to correctly set forth the correct inventorship herein.

The Patent Office is requested to direct any questions or comments to applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted



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